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1. Source reports that sooner or later there will be a split in the Central Committee of the CDU due to the clash of personalities. The Russians are making every effort to discredit Kaiser, but source believes he will be able to hold his position since he is far above the rest in mental capacity, leadership, and public appeal.
2. One of those most criticized is Ernst Lemmer who made certain concessions during the Nazi regime in order to be able to continue working. He has found himself in greater and greater difficulties in recent months. The Russians have material proving Lemmer's willingness to write newspaper articles during the time of the Nazi Party, more or less endorsing the Nazi ideology. They have been able, through this, to exert pressure on him to conform to their plans, and in return he is backed by them in his political ambitions. Lemmer is greatly disliked and mistrusted by the other members of the Central Committee, except Kaiser who trusts him implicitly. Lemmer has become less and less active during the last few months. He is a man of indecision and, in source's opinion, of little integrity.
3. Another source of contention in the Central Committee is the relationship between Elfrieda Nebgen and the Chairman of the CDU, Jakob Kaiser. Kaiser resides with his wife in Mrs. Nebgen's apartment. Mrs. Nebgen is always present at political meetings and at private meetings of the top men of the CDU. Those who like her call her Kaiser's "little ego"; those who dislike her call her Kaiser's "bad spirit". There is no doubt, however, that the relationship between Kaiser and Mrs. Nebgen is very close and that Kaiser attaches great importance to her opinions and decisions. She is described as a woman of great political ability and great personal charm.
4. Should the Russians be successful in ousting Kaiser, source believes that neither Lemmer nor Leo Herwegen will be approved as leaders of the CDU. Kaiser's most likely successor would be Dr. Ferdinand Friedensburg, former President of the Central Administration of Fuel. A man of great political ambition, great organizing ability, and a

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complete lack of political tact; he is perhaps the one member of the Central Committee with enough stature to be able to take over the leadership of the party. Another possibility, Dr. Robert Tillmans, is reportedly unwilling to take the responsibility.

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